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## DOCUMENTS

### *1. A Letter of Ferdinand of Aragon to Diego Columbus, 1510.*

The interest connected with the name of Columbus gives factitious importance to all documents relating to the governorship exercised by him and his son over the Spanish New World, which may perhaps serve as an excuse for printing the subjoined letter. It appears that among the early adventurers seeking the New World there were some debtors of persons condemned by the Inquisition, and the zealous receiver of confiscations at Seville sent out an agent to hunt them up and collect from them, for the royal treasury, the amounts owing to the victims. To enable him to perform his errand successfully the king orders the admiral of the ocean and governor of the Indies and Tierra Firma and his subordinates to lend aid and compel summary settlements. The document is in the archives of Simancas, Consejo de la Inquisicion, Libro III., fol. 47.

HENRY CHARLES LEA.

#### EL REY

Don Diego Colon, almirante del mar oceano e governador de las indias e tierra firma e a vuestros alcaldes e justicias, Por parte de Pedro de Villacis receptor de los bienes confiscados por el delito de la heregia en la cibdad e arcobispado de Sevilla, me es fecha relacion que en estas villas e lugares hay algunas personas, que deven e son obligados a pagar a mi camera e fisco algunas coantias e sumas de maravedis por contratos o alvalaes e syn ellos que se devia a Diego Deça que por el delito de la heregia fue condepnado a carcel perpetua e sus bienes confiscados, e a otras personas de la dicha cibdad e arcobispado de Sevilla muchos bienes fueron confiscados lo qual el dicho receptor embia a lo cobrar en mi nombre e con su poder, por ende yo vos mando que cada e quando fuereis requerido por su parte sobre lo suso dicho fagades parecer ante vos a los tales debdores e sabida la verdad brevemente e de plano syn estrepitu ni figura de juicio le administrais entero cumplimiento de justicia e lo que asi fallaredes que le es devido compelades y apremiades a los tales debdores que luego gelo den e paguen sin dilacion alguna dandole parte dello el favor e ayuda que menester oviere, e non fagades ende al. Fecha en Valladolid a 19 dias de enero de 1510 años. Yo el Rey. Por mandado de su alteza Juan Roiz de Calcena. Estava señalada del licenciado Aguirre.

### *2. Letters of Christopher Gadsden, 1778.*

For the following letters of General Christopher Gadsden THE REVIEW is indebted to Edward I. Renick, Esq., of the Department